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LEADERS AT WORK DURING SESSIONS OF PROGRAM COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVES' CONFERENCE

*For Christ and the Church...*



# THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

## World

### Cover

A buzz group discusses Christian Endeavor topics during the sessions of the Program Council and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference December 4-7 in Columbus, Ohio. Members of the group, starting with the CE monogram and going clockwise, are B. Z. Routh, Rev. Charles Barner, Charles Hagler, James Betke, Richard Snyder, and Roger Roode. Robert C. Ross, educational secretary, is seated in the background with Wanna Sell, member of the Topics Committee. Standing at the right is Elwood Dunn, chairman of the Topics Committee.

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## MEMO

### from the General Secretary . . . .

#### WANTED: WORTHY STEWARDS!

Listen to what Paul wrote to the Christians at Corinth (I Corinthians 4:2, The Amplified New Testament): "Moreover, it is essentially required of stewards that a man should be found faithful—proving himself worthy of trust." Daily Christian Endeavorers are being proved worthy of the trust that has been laid upon them. Annually Christian Endeavorers and friends of Christian Endeavor are called to a demonstration of stewardship through the Membership Mobilization. As we stand on the threshold of a new year of opportunity and challenge, will you join the rallying cry "Let's Mobilize!" Put yourself into the 1959 Membership Mobilization—send your personal enrollment now.

#### DATELINE PHILADELPHIA!

1889—The eighth International Convention was held in Philadelphia, July 9-11, with representatives from Canada, Germany, Turkey and the United States. The first message from a President of the United States to a Christian Endeavor convention was that from President Benjamin Harrison to the Endeavorers gathered in Philadelphia.

1959—The forty-fifth International Convention assembles in Philadelphia, July 6-11. Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German National Christian Endeavor Union, will be one of the key speakers.

#### IN THE NEWS!

Dr. Gene Stone, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of New Castle, Pennsylvania, and former general secretary of the International Society, recently assisted in organizing the new Mahoningtown Christian Endeavor Fellowship . . . . Dr. Oscar Bussey, president of the Scottish Christian Endeavor Union, submitted to an operation immediately upon his arrival in Scotland from his tour of North America . . . . Dr. W. W. McKinney, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Ambridge, Pennsylvania, and long-time Christian Endeavor enthusiast, has just completed his mighty impressive book, *The Presbyterian Valley*, published by Davis and Warde, Inc.

#### THE YOUNGER SET!

One of the major wineries has advanced a long way into a multi-million dollar advertising campaign to reach "the younger set" with color magazines and newspaper ads, TV and roadside advertising. The purpose—to throw "an aura of smartness and prestige" about their alcoholic product. "Pointedly light and sophisticated in approach," the advertising shows the use of wines in the home and at parties, suggesting that it's smart to serve the product. It is reported that through this advertising their wines are gaining in acceptance among the younger set. Christian young people, the discerning segment of the younger set, will know what's smart.

#### ABOUT CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS!

Evelyn A. Reed, former Massachusetts Union officer, and Norman H. Purdy, a former field secretary of the Massachusetts Union, were recently married in Putnam, Connecticut. Officiating—Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, former general secretary of the Ohio Union. O. R. McElwain, president of the West Virginia Union, was recently hospitalized. Olinda Dormaier, long-time Christian Endeavor enthusiast from Washington, D. C., was recently married to Sanford Ray Brown, at the Grace Reformed Church, the place where Teddy Roosevelt regularly worshipped in Washington, D. C., while he was president of the United States. J. Allen Tucker, past president of the Pennsylvania Union and former vice-president of the International Society in charge of the Middle Atlantic Region, recently suffered a thrombosis. Real progress is being noted in his recovery.

#### IT'S 1959!

To our wish for all of you for a truly happy and blessed new year, we add these words from J. B. Phillips' translation of I Corinthians 15:57—"Stand firm! Let nothing move you as you busy yourselves in the Lord's work. Be sure that nothing you do for Him is ever lost or ever wasted."

*Harold Westerhoff*





Philadelphia's famed Liberty Bell will be seen by contest winners when they tour the City of Brotherly Love during the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention. Delegates will also have the opportunity to visit many sites of historic and religious significance.

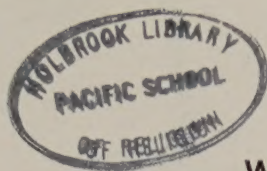
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, is a very important date in Christian Endeavor's 1959 Citizenship Contest!

That's the deadline day for entries. All nominations must be postmarked in the eighth annual citizenship contest sponsored by the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

A young person wishing to enter the contest may be nominated by an adult, by another young person, or by himself. All nominations must be postmarked no later than February 2 and must be sent in the official nomination form to Robert Ross, citizenship director of the International Society, at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

Already many youth have been nominated and will be competing for the Albert H. Diebold Awards, which total \$1,000 in cash and two all-expense paid

# February 2 — Last Day to Enter Christian Endeavor's 1959 Citizenship Contest



**Albert H. Diebold Awards for Winners Will Total \$1,000 in Cash Plus Two Trips To 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention in Philadelphia July 6-11**

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## Contest Features

Youth will write "A Letter to My Editor" of not more than 500 words, which will actually be mailed to the editor of the local newspaper. On the subject of **SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP!** these letters give young people a real opportunity to witness as a Christian in their home communities.

Contestants will be judged in two divisions—one for youth in the 12th grade or below and the other for those who have completed the 12th grade. All entrants must be under 25 years of age.

In each division the first award will be \$200 in cash plus a grant (to a maximum of \$200) for attending the Phila-

delphia Convention. Second award will be \$100 in cash and third \$50 in each division. The next six runners-up in the International finals in each division will receive prizes of \$25.

Certificates of Recognition and special award emblems will be presented to the winners of all state and provincial contests, while all other qualified participants who complete their "Letter" and service record will receive Honor Certificates.

In judging, the "Letters" will count for 60% of the score, with the Christian Service Record the basis for 40%.

State and provincial first place winners compete for regional honors. The regional winners are eligible for the International judging, with announcement of the top winners scheduled for April 27.

## NOMINATION FORM

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio

*Valid only if postmarked no later than February 2, 1959*

NOTE: You may be nominated by an adult, by another young person, or you may nominate yourself.

PLEASE PRINT

Please enter \_\_\_\_\_ in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Contest.

(Name)

Send all information to the contestant at \_\_\_\_\_

(Number and Street)

(City, Zone, State)

(Disregard the following if you are nominating yourself) I agree to encourage my nominee to complete the "Letter" and Service Record.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and Address of Person Making Nomination)





Photo by Christian A.

# Top Leaders Study Essentials

Emphasis on Christian Endeavor "Basics" Important Part of Annual Sessions

A Report of the Program Council and  
Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference  
December 4-7, Columbus, Ohio

When Christian Endeavor leaders gathered in Columbus, Ohio, December 4-7 for the annual meetings of the Program Council of the International Society of Christian Endeavor and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference, the essentials of the movement were strongly emphasized.

Great days were these as over ninety leaders from all parts of the United States and Canada fellowshipped together, shared plans and problems, and prepared for advances in all areas in 1959.

Comments were made on the Christ-centered emphasis of the meetings, the practicability of various ideas presented, the many opportunities for new leaders to share, and the goal of the present to go home to work with increased enthusiasm, better trained for their important task.

A high light of the sessions was the fellowship banquet on Friday night. Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International



Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, pins a Christian Endeavor monogram on Elwood Dunn, newly-elected president of the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference. Other officers pictured at the installation service are (left to right) James R. Westerhoff, Roy Currie, Dorothy E. Howes and Ralph E. May.

These leaders traveled thousands of miles to attend the sessions in Columbus, all five coming from the West Coast. They are (left to right) Rev. Martin Soper, executive field secretary of the Los Angeles (California) County Union; Dorothy E. Howes, executive secretary, Oregon Union; Rev. Robert Hess, field secretary, California Union; Rocky Stewart, representing Washington State Union; and Mrs. R. E. LeRiche of Seattle, Washington, vice-president in charge of the Pacific Region.





A Christian Endeavor society meeting was conducted by youth delegates in the Jones Room at headquarters on Saturday evening. This was followed by a fellowship hour and snack time, at which headquarters associates were hosts.

ety, brought a very challenging message on the subject, "The First Endeavorer and the Last!" Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society, was the banquet toastmaster.

Theme of the banquet was "All Aboard Philadelphia!" Special favors and decorations were provided by the Pennsylvania delegation, headed by Harold Pittman, president of the union, and Gordon McCardie, general secretary. Plans and programs were emphasized for the 45th International Christian Endeavor Convention, to be held in the City of Brotherly Love July 6-11, 1959.

"College of Christian Endeavor Knowledge" was conducted by Frances M. Becker of Zion Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, a public school principal and a member of the Executive Committee of the International Society. All leaders successfully completing the five-session course based on the textbook, "Christian Endeavor Essentials," were awarded Certificates of Recognition.

Each day opened with a period of meditation led by Rev. Raymond C. Steinert, pastor of the First Evangelical Congregational Church of Easton, Pennsylvania. Other features of the sessions included a report on Christian Endeavor world-wide by Clyde W. Meadows of the King Street United Brethren Church, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, a vice-president of the International Society and a speaker at the 13th World's Convention held in Frankfurt, Germany, last July. Cecil A. Jeffery, ex-officio secretary of the International Society, gave an audio-visual presentation, "You're a Leader!"

Over one-third of the delegates were under 25 years of age. Under the leadership of James Humphreys, chairman of the Youth Assembly, these young people took charge of a Christian Endeavor meeting at the headquarters building on Saturday evening and provided teachers for Sunday school the next morning.

Headquarters associates were hosts at the fellowship period following the Christian

Endeavor meeting. This gave leaders an opportunity to tour the building and to become acquainted with those who work at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Robert C. Ross, educational secretary and citizenship director of the International Society, told of great preparations being made for the celebration of Christian Endeavor Week January 25-February 1 and outlined plans for Christian Endeavor's 1959 Citizenship Contest. Many youth are entering this contest, which features "A Letter to My Editor" on **SPEAK FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP!**

The editor of **THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD**, Phyllis I. Rike, told of plans for the official publication.

The sessions came to a close at noon on Sunday, December 7, following a very meaningful communion service conducted by Dr. Gates.

During these important meetings the current plans, materials, and emphases of the movement were presented and many phases of the work were reviewed as leaders shared ideas and studied materials.

The Program Council, composed of denominational youth workers and employed field, general, and executive secretaries of state and provincial unions, carries out its work through three committees—Educational, Topics, and Junior Work. The council surveys needs of Christian Endeavor, initiates educational policy, program, and materials, and proposes current emphases.

Rev. Robert Hess, field secretary of the California Christian Endeavor Union, was re-elected chairman of the Program Council. The vice-chairman, Rev. Charles Barner of Pennsylvania, was also re-elected. Mr. Barner represents the Evangelical Congregational Church.

Committees elected by the Council are as follows:

**Educational Committee**—Rev. Charles W. Barner, chairman; Rev. Walter Burkholder, Carol E. Gates, Dr. W. N. Gibson, Rev. Robert Hess, Dorothy E. Howes, Paul F. Hurley, Joan Pyle, and Rev. Andrew White.

**Topics Committee**—Elwood Dunn, chairman; Rev. Clair E. Beatty, Albert Day, Rev. Paul D. Dunn, Wallace N. Hastings, Wanna Sell, Jay Sheffield, and Mrs. Ralph Treadaway.

**Junior Work Committee**—Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr., chairman; Mrs. Etta Berger, Mrs. Marlin Dossett, Nellie V. Griffin, and Florence Zimmerman.

Officers for the coming year chosen by the Executives' Conference are: Elwood



Members of the Junior Work Committee who formed a panel to discuss their work are (seated, left to right) Florence Zimmerman, Nellie V. Griffin, and Mrs. Warren G. Hoopes, Sr. Robert Ross, educational secretary, is shown at left as he discusses the quarterly, **JUNIOR CE MEETINGS**.

Dunn, president; James R. Westerhoff, vice-president; Dorothy E. Howes, secretary; and Roy Currie, treasurer. Elwood Dunn and Ralph E. May were selected by the Conference as nominees for membership on the Executive Committee of the International Society. The retiring president of the Conference is Charles O. Heyward of Washington, D. C. The new officers were installed by Dr. Earle W. Gates.

The Executives' Conference is made up of state, provincial, territorial, and national union presidents and employed secretaries, plus a youth representative from each union, and the regional vice-presidents. The group meets annually to promote executive and field work, interpret program and methods, and provide mutual acquaintance and fellowship.

Dates set for next year's meetings of the Program Council and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference are December 3-6 in Columbus, Ohio.

In connection with the 1958 sessions Dr. Earle W. Gates and James Humphreys appeared on a local television program, while Timothy J. Kribs and Carolyn Ann Arnold participated in a radio program over a Columbus station.



A beautiful cake with a replica of Independence Hall in Philadelphia was provided by Evelyn R. Purdy of New York State and was much enjoyed by the delegates. Shown in the foyer of headquarters as they prepared to cut and serve the cake are three headquarters associates—(left to right) Eleanor J. Jones, Roberta L. Jackson, and Artis Brown.



"I Am Happy in the Service of the King" is the message in song given by headquarters associates of the International Society at the Friday evening fellowship banquet.



# The New Look At "1221"



At work in his attractively furnished office at Christian Endeavor Headquarters is Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union. The new desert tan furniture blends well with the Aden blue walls.

As a memorial out of the bequest to the World's Christian Endeavor Union under the will of the late Grace Hooper Hoar, the offices of the general secretary of the World's Union and of the administrative assistant have been completely refurnished.

Modern steel office equipment in an attractive shade of desert tan, coupled with colorful new drapes, makes these two offices an attractive focal point at Christian Endeavor headquarters in Columbus, Ohio.

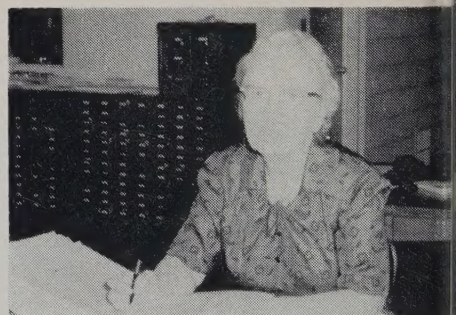
Mrs. Hoar, formerly of Nebraska, served as the second National Junior Work Superintendent, succeeding Mildreth Haggard.

In the luncheon area at headquarters an attractive new dinette set in gold, gray and white adds to the enjoyment of mealtime for headquarters associates. This memorial to the late Jacob J. Westerhoff was purchased out of gifts sent in lieu of flowers at the time of his death in 1957.

The father of two active Christian Endeavor leaders, Harold and James, Mr. Westerhoff was an annual member of the International Society. His son Harold serves as general secretary of both the International Society and the World's Union, while his son James is president of the New Jersey Union.



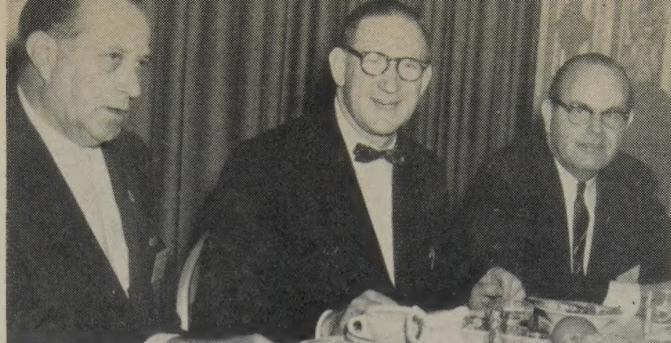
Furnished also in desert tan, with color accents of brick, the office of Mrs. E. L. Herrmann, administrative assistant, complements that of the general secretary which it adjoins.



Mrs. Minnie Basile, a newcomer at headquarters, is removing her lunch from the refrigerator while Marjorie Plymail, secretary to Cecil A. Jeffery, is pouring coffee.

Ready for lunch are these two new associates at Christian Endeavor Headquarters. Ruth Ellen Hawk, typist, is removing her lunch from the refrigerator while Marjorie Plymail, secretary to Cecil A. Jeffery, is pouring coffee.





ABOVE—Harold Westerhoff (right) presided at the closing luncheon of the 9th annual meeting of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism. The closing message was given by Dr. Fred C. Schwarz, executive director of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade, a former Endeavorer from Australia. Harold P. Nutter (center), a past president of Lions International, is chairman of the Conference.

LEFT—Dr. Daniel A. Poling introduces Madame Chiang Kai-Shek during All-American Conference sessions.



Mr. Westerhoff is pictured during the All-American Conference annual meeting with Herbert Philbrick (right) and W. C. "Tom" Sawyer (left). Mr. Sawyer is vice-president of Freedoms Foundation. Christian Endeavorers and Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Crusade have been honored through the annual awards program of Freedoms Foundation.

## Christian Endeavorers Participate in All-American Conference Sessions

At the ninth annual meeting of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, November 15-16 in Indianapolis, Indiana, Christian Endeavorers took a significant part. The purpose of these meetings was to demonstrate how atheistic communism uses a subtle approach to infiltrate through youth, religion, education and trade.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling continues to serve as chairman of the Executive Council of the conference, with Harold E. Westerhoff as a member of the council. Dr. Earle W. Esch has been a member of the editorial board and Robert C. Ross has served on the Know Your America Week Committee. Christian Endeavorers in attendance at Indianapolis included Dr. Poling, Mr. Westerhoff, Dr. Esch, Elwood Dunn, Julian Moran, Christian A. Tirre, and Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Kribs.

### Outstanding Speakers

Featured speakers were Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, Herbert Philbrick, and Dr. Fred Schwarz.

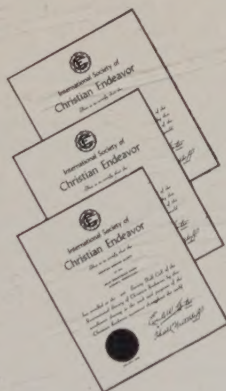
Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of the President of Free China, told the conference that the very nature of communism fosters the seeds of its destruction, but the free world must be alert to exploit the weaknesses.

Mr. Philbrick, a Christian Endeavorer in boyhood days, is a former FBI undercover agent and author of the best seller "Led Three Lives." He expressed his concern that the clergy and the church are vulnerable when it comes to the ways of communism and therefore may fall easy prey to its subtle infiltration.

Mr. Philbrick said, "We are apparently winning the battle right now against the communist criminal conspiracy. It is only a matter of time until this country becomes communist unless we begin to throw some matches. This is a time for us to start fighting."

The National Association of Evangelicals and the International Society of Christian Endeavor are the only two Protestant organizations that are members of the conference, which includes more than 50 national organizations representing 60 million Americans.

## IT PAYS TO BELONG!



All across North America certificates are being received by Christian Endeavor societies, announcing that the society has enrolled in the International Society.

Societies giving \$15 receive a blue seal certificate. Red seals are used on certificates to those groups giving \$30 while gifts of \$50 or more merit a gold seal.

By enrolling in the International Society as a society . . . as well as individual members . . . your group becomes an active part of a world-wide movement.

Proudly display an enrollment certificate where your society meets. Answer the Society Roll Call.

### ENROLLMENT FORM

We want to affiliate with the International Society of Christian Endeavor . . . Enroll us now.

Here is our annual enrollment fee, \$ . . . Send us the attractive enrollment certificate, suitable for framing and hanging in our society meeting room.

Society Name \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, Zone & State \_\_\_\_\_

Attach payment, check or money order

**INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR**

**1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio**



## Let's Mobilize!



"Let's mobilize!" is the urging of Carol E. Gates, of New York State, daughter of the president of the International Society and a trustee representing the Youth Assembly.

### YOU CAN HELP—

- Sponsor a program of youth evangelism to win the unreached to Jesus Christ.
- Continue a Crusade for Christian Citizenship, to encourage youth to become good citizens and to combat communism.
- Aid in a spiritual ministry to young people in the armed services of the country.

### YOU MAY BECOME—

- an Annual Member at \$15
- an Annual Member with your own Doubling at \$30
- a Sustaining Annual Member at \$50 or more

Send your membership today

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY OF  
CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR  
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## INVEST IN YOUTH

# FOUR GOSPELS proclaim our SAVIOUR

### 3. Christ Gives Us the Life of Prayer

THE second birth for a human soul is a prime requirement if one seeks nearness to God. Important in our close relation to Him is the life of prayer.

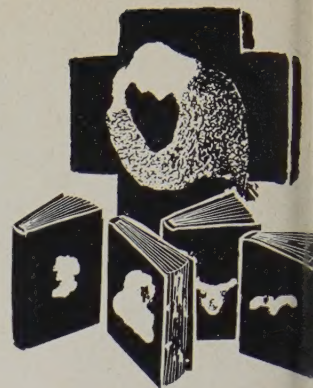
In Christ, prayer itself is reborn. By His teaching and example, prayer for the Christian can be unlike any other nearness to almighty Love and Power that is experienced by man.

The Jews to whom our Saviour was sent were a people of prayer, and their tradition made much of personal prayer. Many Psalms are suited to personal petitions, and are so used by Christians today. Representing different eras in Jewish personal worship are: I Samuel 12:17,18; I Kings 18:36-40; Nehemiah 2:4; 4:9; Daniel 6:10, 11; 9:4-8. Yet all was not well, in Jesus' time, with the manner and spirit of personal prayer (Matthew 6:5-8; Mark 11:24-26).

The Jewish approach to God included also a strong dependence on Temple (Psalm 11:4; 84:1,2), the priesthood (Exodus 19:6; note a Christian version in I Peter 2:5; II Chronicles 6:41; but note Micah 3:11), and the formal sacrifices and ceremonies (Exodus 5:17; I Samuel 9:13; but see Malachi 1:7,8,13; Isaiah 1:11; Jeremiah 6:20).

Nearness to God became less the common experience, with the professional and hereditary class serving as the trusted mediators between God and man. The captivity of the Jews in Babylon intervened, but it was to be followed by renewed dependence on men trained to offer such aids to repentance, petition, and thanksgiving as the burnt offerings, incense offerings, peace offerings, and sin offerings. The Jews had returned to the Holiness Code—with marked similarity to pagan procedures—under which, to quote H. Wheeler Robinson, "Sacred objects can be touched only under the strictest precautions; they are as dangerous to the uninitiated as the switchboard of an electrical power house might be to a child."

JESUS came among a people who in sincere but puzzled spirit would ask Him, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). How different is the new way taught by Jesus from the procedure noted in Psalm 66:13-15,18-20! The Lord's Prayer as we know it best is not Luke's version but Matthew's (6:9-13), but let us stay with the evangelist-physician for his account of Jesus' further comments on the believer's life of prayer: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Luke 11:9, also 10-13). So important are these assurances that we find them given by Matthew (7:7-11), Mark (11:24), and John (14:13), in



varied forms. All four Gospels emphasize complete faith in prayer, through the Saviour's own assurances.

IS prayer to be a group experience, as well as the frequent practice of the individual believer? The book of the Acts of the Apostles in itself would give the affirmative answer, but it is not necessary to leave the Gospels in finding the answer. An important truth is noted in Matthew 19:20; Moffatt's translation is even more significant than the familiar King James version, in its use of the phrasing, "If you agree on earth about anything, pray for . . ." The night-time vigil at Gethsemane should have been a time of group prayers, but the disciples took to their beds and slept (Mark 14:32-41).

Believers grouped together, following Christ's Ascension, and when "they were all with one accord in one place," the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus, came to dwell with the flock (Acts 2:1-4; 8:14-17). Now there would be for the individual believer and for Christ's Church the Guidance and Counselor for prayer, devotion, and service in His name.

The sacrament or ordinance of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion, instituted by Christ, is a form of group or congregational prayer. The name by which it is sometimes known, Eucharist, expresses the idea of thanksgiving. This drama of remembrance Christ links a Christian group more closely in thanksgiving and reconsecration, to God who sent to us His only Son as our Saviour. It is a prayer in action.

While private prayer has been more vital and draws for aid on the Holy Spirit, Israel's other form of prayer—the means of sacrifice has been supplanted by the Communion of a Christian flock. The effect: A closer bond with God the Father.

—B. H. H.

HISTORIC SYMBOLS appear on the covers of the Four Gospels in our drawing. They are: for Matthew, a human head, because his book begins by emphasizing Jesus' humanity; for Mark, the lion of the wilderness, since this Gospel begins with the mission of John the Baptist; for Luke, the ox, because of the sacrifice, because Zechariah the priest begins the story; for John, the eagle, because it symbolizes the noble spirit of its beginnings.

## WITH YOUNG ADULTS



# It's Birthday Time For Christian Endeavor!

round the world Christian Endeavorers are making plans to celebrate the 78th birthday of the movement on February 2. "In the Household of God" is the theme of Christian Endeavor Week, which will be observed January 25-February 1. Promises of societies and unions will also emphasize the current theme, "For Christ and Church."

Youth will participate in many services at local churches when denominational day is observed on Sunday, January 25, and will celebrate Christian Endeavor Day by special activities on Sunday, February 1.

Union rallies, banquets, conferences, and many special projects are being planned as part of the anniversary observance.

All these events mark the birthday of Christian Endeavor, the pioneer Protestant youth organization, which began when Dr. Mrs. Francis E. Clark called together a group of young people in the parsonage of Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Maine, on February 2, 1881.

## Plans Available

The 1959 Christian Endeavor Week packet is bulging with many suggestions for programs and activities. These helpful plans are included:

A manual which gives information on the proper preparation, special days, projects, publicity, materials, worship service, and ideas for projects. Prepared by Rev. Ellis R. Shaw of San Diego, California.

—An order blank for copies of radio or television scripts, sufficient for actual production. Scripts are the winners in the recent Radio and Television Scriptwriting Contest—radio script by Lois Ann Randerson of Nashville, Tennessee; television script by Mrs. W. A. Martin of Denver, Colorado. Both based on Christian Endeavor Week theme.

—Plans for a "Hats Off!" party prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Davies of Erie, Pennsylvania. Contains many wonderful ideas for fun and fellowship.

—Suggestions for church bulletins, spot announcements for radio and television, and newspaper publicity.

—Many other materials.

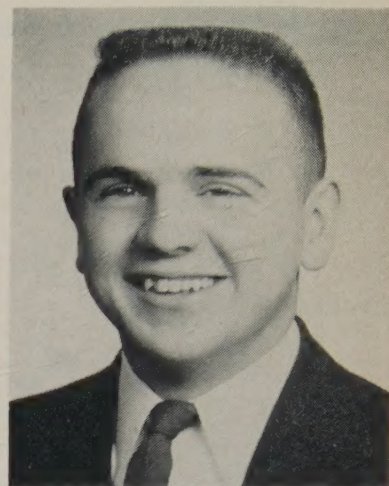
Packets may be ordered from state or provincial union offices or from the International Society at just 50c each.

## Mobilization Time

Intensified efforts in the annual Membership Mobilization of International Society will be made during the anniversary celebration. Individuals take part by becoming annual members of the International Society, while societies participate through the Society Roll Call.

The financial structure of the International Society depends primarily on the results of this annual mobilization effort, which is under the direction of Harold E. Westerhoff.

# Let's Mobilize!



"Let's mobilize our forces now!" is the challenge of Ronald Snyder of Michigan, president of the Kalamazoo Christian Endeavor Union.

## YOU CAN HELP—

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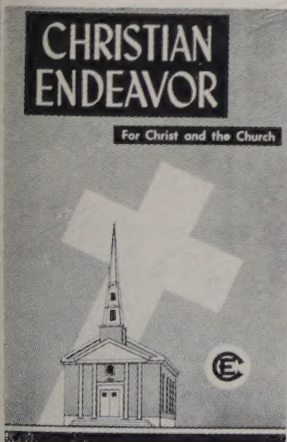
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## INVEST IN YOUTH



# For Christ and the Church

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Matthew 16:13-18  
(Christian Endeavor Sunday)



Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUAR

Comments by Rev. Ellis R. Shaw\*

## Aim of the Meeting

1. To magnify the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.
2. To commemorate the birthday of Christian Endeavor, February 2, 1881.

## Suggestions to the Leader

Invite your pastor to be the guest of honor, seating him at the front of the meeting room. If the pastor cannot attend, secure some key member from the church board or staff. Two additional guests should be invited to the meeting: the oldest and youngest Endeavorers in the church. At the appropriate time they should be asked to make a brief statement.

This meeting will feature the Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ and the Church." Two young people, prepared well in advance, will give a five to eight minute talk about the motto, one young person emphasizing "For Christ," the other "For the Church."

The chief decorative attraction will be a large portrait of Sallman's Head of Christ with a good picture or replica of a church. These two items will be placed in front of the meeting room side by side with the word "and" inserted between.

## Publicity

Placards and posters displaying "For Christ and the Church" should be placed at strategic spots around the premises. Urge your pastor to publicize the meeting from the pulpit and in the church bulletin. Special bulletins for use in the society and church services together with Christian Endeavor Week Packets can be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

## Meeting Outline

- Pre-Prayer Service
- Hymn Singing
- Announcements and Offering
- Scripture: Colossians 1:12-19 (read responsively)
- Prayer (by pastor or visiting church official)
- Introduction of youngest Endeavorer
- Introduction of oldest Endeavorer, asking him to give brief statement about what Christ and Christian Endeavor mean to him
- Vocal Solo
- Two Talks — "For Christ" — "For the Church"

## Discussion Period

1. What do Christian Endeavor young people expect of the church?
  2. What does the church expect of its Christian Endeavor young people?
- Benediction

## First Speaker—"For Christ"

In Colossians 1:12-19 we have a picture of the sublime superiority of Jesus Christ. He is an incomparable Saviour. He gives us an inheritance in heaven; He delivers us from the power of darkness; He redeems us with His blood by His death on the cross; He forgives our sins and remembers them no more.

Christ was with God in creation, "For by Him were all things created." He existed before all things and by Him all things are held together. He is the Head of the Church and its Foundation, "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." He was the first to rise from the dead with a resurrection body. He guarantees that all who truly believe in Him shall rise in newness of life. He is the image of God, the sum total of all divine perfection and fullness.

He is worthy of our best and deserves our utmost. In a Prussian art gallery one day Count Nicholas Ludwig von Zinzendorf stood before a picture of the Crucified Saviour. Underneath were these words, "I did this for thee. What hast thou done for Me?" As a result of that experience Count Zinzendorf's life was changed. He founded the small but mighty Moravian Church. Concerning Jesus he said, "I have one passion; it is He and He alone!"

He hears our prayers; He loves our unloveliness; He never changes. He is entitled to our best. (The first speaker may give his personal testimony at this point.)

## Second Speaker—"For the Church"

A Christian cannot be "for Christ" and "against the Church." The Church is precious to Christ. "He loved the Church and gave Himself for it." He endowed it with enduring qualities, "I will build the Church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). He endowed it with mighty power, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:4). He purified it, "That He might sanctify and cleanse it . . . that He might present it to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle" (Ephesians 5:26,27).

Loyalty to Christ's Church is one of the basic principles of Christian Endeavor. A person cannot be "for Christ" if he is not "for Christ's Church."

When Cecil Jeffery left California to become extension secretary for the International Society of Christian Endeavor and general secretary of the Ohio Union, his church gave him a farewell banquet. The pastor of the church made this significant statement, "In all my years at this church I never asked Cecil or his wife to do anything that they didn't answer, 'Yes,' and then did it." This kind of loyal willingness should typify all Christian Endeavorers.

Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, has stated that by rough count fifty per cent of the churches in the United States have no young people's work on Sunday nights. He challenges local Christian Endeavor unions to go out and light the churches on Sunday nights. Some have done this; many more should do it. It would become living proof that Christian Endeavor is "for the Church."

The Church is more than a club or a fraternal organization by far; it is composed of those who are redeemed by Christ. If all the redeemed ones were totally devoted to Jesus, then these words would become living reality, "Like a mighty army moves the Church of God."

## Discussion Period

It might be well for the president of the society to launch the discussion by asking this question: "What do Christian Endeavor young people expect of their church?" These points should be brought out:

1. The personal interest and cooperation of the pastor and church is expected.
2. Boosting the Christian Endeavor program in the official boards and the pulpit is expected.
3. Help in providing spiritually discerned counselors is expected.

The pastor should conclude the discussion by asking and answering this question, "What do the pastor and the church expect of its Christian Endeavor young people?" He may wish to point out the items:

1. Christian Endeavor young people are expected to bring others to Christ.
2. They are expected to become members of the church and lead a consecrated Christian life.
3. They are expected to become active in the program of the church.

## Happy Birthday

Your society can join in the birthday celebration for Christian Endeavor's anniversary. Why not designate the coming at your weekly meeting or at a special event as a birthday gift. Send to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

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# For Christ and the Church

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Matthew 16:13-18  
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Intermediate (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 1

Comments by Mrs. Aldis L. Webb\*

## The Leader

This meeting should be a real celebration of Christian Endeavor's birthday. You might even have cake and candles! If you don't, you'll need to start the meeting a half hour or more earlier than usual. Send out invitations to everyone—members and prospects.

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## SEVENTY-EIGHTH BIRTHDAY!

Be sure to allow ample time for the discussion, as it is important for the Intermediates to realize that Christian Endeavor meets the needs of youth today because it stands for definite principles.

Make all assignments well in advance. Sing wall pledge in prominent place.

Decorate the room in green and white (Junior High Christian Endeavor colors). Put out large letters FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH, put a little glitter on them. String them across the front of the room. Make attractive programs in shape of miniature churches, using the CE monogram.

## Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service  
Inspiration: Select several lively Christian Endeavor choruses which your group loves to sing. Close with a prayer hymn.  
Prayer: Ask two boys and two girls to lead.  
Response (piano or voice, unannounced):  
*Just As I Am, Thine Own to Be* (one verse)

Leader's Talk  
Scripture Lesson: Matthew 16:13-18  
Presentation and Discussion of the Topic  
Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation*  
Repeating pledge in unison  
Consecration Roll Call (opportunity may be given for accepting Christ and becoming a part of His body, the Church, and for rededication to Christ and His Church.)

Consecration Hymn: *Living for Jesus*  
Prayer, closed by Leader  
Benediction  
Fellowship Period, Birthday Cake, Offering for world-wide Christian Endeavor

## Leader's Talk

We have come to the end of Christian Endeavor Week. Today is Christian Endeavor Day. We are celebrating the seventy-eighth birthday of our movement, and this is a good time to review the purposes for which this great organization was founded. Our topic is the motto of Chris-

Mrs. Webb is a long-time Endeavorer from Clatskanie, Oregon, having served as sponsor for many Intermediate groups and as a state convention officer.

## QUESTIONS

1. How is the Church different from man-made organizations?
2. Why must we love Christ's Church if we truly love Him?
3. Why is it important for the Christian to "attend the services of my own church"?
4. How do attending church, giving to the church, and serving through Christian Endeavor help us to grow into Christian leaders?
5. How does fellowshiping with other Christians help make us stronger?
6. Why are Christianity and the Church inseparable twins?

tian Endeavor—*For Christ and the Church*. Let us ask ourselves several questions. Why is this motto important? Do we appreciate fully what it means? Are we trying hard to live up to it? How can we do better?

First we are going to think about the last part of the motto—and the Church, to see why it is so important. Our Scripture lesson will help give us the answer. Then we are going to reconsider the four principles upon which Christian Endeavor was founded. This meeting should give us a new appreciation for the Church, for Christian Endeavor, and for our place in it.

## Scripture Lesson: Matthew 16:13-18

This incident took place near the end of Jesus' earthly ministry. He was about ready to establish the Church to carry on the work which He had begun. He said, "I will build my Church." Those who were to belong to it were to be bought by Him at a tremendous price. (This was before His death, burial, and resurrection.)

The Church is a divine institution, with a divine task. No organization on earth has the same purpose—to preach and to teach, to win people to Christ and to train them in His service. Every organization within the Church should have this same purpose. That is why our motto, *For Christ and the Church*, is so very important. That is why our first loyalty as Christian Endeavorers is to Christ and His Church and then to our society.

The group which uses the church for a meeting place, but does not support the services of the church, cannot be called a true Christian Endeavor society.

## Four Fundamental Principles

1. *Confession of Christ*. Romans 10:9,10. Active members in Christian Endeavor societies are those who have confessed Christ as their Saviour. In other words, they must be Christians. Otherwise they could not share the purposes and ideals for which the society stands.

It is also important that we confess Him with our lives. Many a person has been won to Christ by silently watching a Christian friend. Our lips and our lives must

tell the same story. Young people banded together for the purpose of witnessing for Christ form a mighty evangelistic influence within the church.

2. *Service for Christ*. Romans 12:1,2. Christian Endeavor is often referred to as the training arm or training school of the church. Christian Endeavorers learn to do by doing. We have the opportunity to serve Christ through the work of the committees and in holding various offices in the society. As fast as new members come into the group they should be assigned to some committee, for most young people need to feel that they are a vital part of the organization.

As a group we may serve Christ through the various projects that we carry out together. Most of the best leadership in the churches today is composed of adults who had Christian Endeavor training in their youth.

3. *Loyalty to Christ's Church*. Luke 5:16. Francis E. Clark, founder of our movement, once said, "Young people, if you must make a choice between attending the Christian Endeavor meeting and attending the church service, by all means attend the church service, for Christian Endeavor can never take the place of the church." Societies which strive for 100 per cent attendance of their membership at both morning and evening church services, whose members sing regularly in the choir and can always be counted upon to support every church enterprise, are true Christian Endeavor societies.

4. *Fellowship with Christ's People*. Acts 10:34,35. Christian Endeavor is international, interracial and interdenominational. There are societies in over eighty denominations, and in almost every country on the face of the globe. Christian Endeavor has done more to break down denominational barriers than any other movement in the world. Bringing young people together from many churches in a community has created a powerful force for righteousness in those communities. Young people in Christian Endeavor have demonstrated that Christians can work together in harmony and effectively, in spite of denominational and racial differences.

## To the Sponsor

This is a very important topic, and the Intermediates will need the assistance of the sponsor if they are to get as much out of it as they should. *The importance of advance preparation cannot be stressed too much!* Be sure the birthday celebration doesn't detract from the meeting itself.

Have a supply of pledge cards on hand and give opportunity for signing during the consecration period. Plan to share your offering with the International Society, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

The Christian Endeavor Week Packet and *A Program Guide for Societies* (Junior High Edition) are both "musts" for every group. Order from International Society.





# Progress in Race Relations

No. 1 in a Series: "Modern Show Windows"

Galatians 3:28  
(Race Relations Sunday)

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Dr. M. Eugene Osterhaven\*

## Aims

1. To understand the Christian teaching of the relationship of the races.
2. To appreciate our common human ancestry.
3. To see that each of us is responsible to God for our conduct towards those of other races.

## For the Leader

This is a most important topic for it is imperative that the people of the world learn to live together. Our problem is one of human relationships for, in spite of racial differences, all men are alike in the most fundamental matter—they are people! H. G. Wells was an astute observer although not Christian. He said: "I am convinced myself that there is no more evil thing in this present world than race prejudice; none at all. I write deliberately—it is the worst single thing in life now. It justifies and holds together more baseness, cruelty and abomination than any other sort of error in the world." Here, then, your society can tackle this problem, the social issue of our day.

## Publicity

Have someone make a poster picturing persons of different races, with all shown to good advantage. Beneath it print the topic and the time and place of meeting.

You might invite a member of a non-white race to share in your meeting. Have a clear understanding that he (she) is to be brief and clear this matter with your minister or counselors.

## Program Outline

### Pre-Prayer Service

### Hymn

*We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*

### Special Music

### Prayer Hymn

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

### Prayer by Members

### Offering and Announcements

### Introduction of the Program by Leader

The problem of race relations is one of the most serious problems facing the world. It is a problem for Montgomery, Alabama, but also for Jonesville, Iowa; for Little Rock, but also for Chicago. For today, when the world has so shrunk in size due to modern inventions, what affects a part of the world affects it all, and what is a problem to one part becomes a concern to all. The passing of time makes solutions to our social problems more demanding.

Our differences in race give us a problem because we are "red and yellow, black and white." Yet beneath our skin we are all alike, and the heart of the non-white person may be purer than that of someone

who boasts about his racial superiority. God said to Samuel: "The Lord sees not as man sees; man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (I Samuel 16:7).

## Scripture

Acts 10:9-16; 34,35; 17:26; Galatians 3:28.

## Leader's Talk

Because modern invention has annihilated time and distance the world has become a neighborhood. Whether or not we continue to live depends on whether we all learn to live together as neighbors. Racial distinctions should not be the cause of antagonisms any more than personal differences in a family.

We are all problems to one another. The white man's Negro problem is at the same time the Negro's white problem. The sad fact is that men allow themselves to be blinded by hatred and prejudice. The real problem is one of the heart; men allow evil to control their thinking, their feeling and, alas, sometimes their acting.

The only possible solution to this problem is Christianity which teaches the necessity of men overcoming their sin and their hatreds and, by God's grace, learning to love one another. Orthodoxy in doctrine will not atone for heterodoxy in practice. Our practice, our attitude towards the brother with the different-colored skin, is a test of our sincerity in profession. At the Judgment, Jesus tells us, our practices are going to be the criteria by which we are judged (Matthew 25:31-46).

In Acts 10:9-16 we learn that God rebukes racial pride. Peter's vision was to prepare him, strict Jew that he was, for service to a Gentile. The whole incident was to teach Peter, and the Church, not to call any person, of any race or nation, inferior. The Jews had been doing that. Now Peter is called to enter a Gentile home and preach Christ. As a Jew Peter would not have done it; as a Christian he does, for Christ had commanded and Peter's prejudices had to disappear.

This removal of racial distinctions between Gentiles and Jews was a great step in the progress of Christianity. The Jews were not a superior people, but they were a privileged people with a mission to bless the world with good. This is the basis for Christian missions today, not of a superior people helping an inferior people, but of a privileged people sharing Christ with others.

Verses 34 and 35 of Acts 10 record Peter's revealed conviction that God makes no racial distinctions but that the important question is whether one's heart is responsive to God. "God is no respecter of persons," least of all of the color of one's skin, "but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is acceptable to Him."

Peter is no longer seeing races, or nations, but he is seeing people, persons who

make up these races and nations standing on an equality with God. If our race policy, or attitude, is different from the teaching which was given Peter, it is unacceptable to God. The fact is that, in spite of our man-made social restrictions God is often on the side of the outcast, the disenfranchised, and the Last Day will contain surprises for some people. "The first shall be last, and the last shall be first."

On Mars' Hill the Apostle Paul said that God is the creator and Lord of all races of men. He proclaims the unity of the human race under God. Men, white and black, yellow or brown, have a common origin; they are brothers. This is a truism but it is also destructive of all racial pride. It places us all on the same level and binds us all together in one family. Each member of the family must seek the well-being of the others. Each must be considerate and honor the rights of the others. Only then will the world's racial problem begin to be solved.

Understanding and love must prevail among men or we shall destroy ourselves. These gifts can come only from God whose grace is greater than our sin and whose love can overcome our hatred.

## Life Problem

A Negro named Sam went to a Christian college where 95% of the people in the class of 15,000 attended church regularly. Sam expected great things of this miniature "Jerusalem" in the way of Christian behavior towards him, but his first month he learned that no barber in the city would cut his hair. He finally had to ask his roommate to cut it for him. What action, if any, should the students of that college take?

## Questions for Discussion

1. What does Paul teach about racial relations in Galatians 3:28?
2. What light does Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan throw on race relations? (Consider that the relation of Jew and Samaritan was as bad as anything that we have in our day.)
3. Why is the race problem acute in America?
4. Why is Christianity especially suited to make a contribution to its solution?

## Closing Hymn

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

## Mizpah Benediction

## Closing Thoughts

In our day the D.A.R. refuses the use of an auditorium in Washington, D.C., to a Negro artist. Phyllis Wheatley, a poetess of Revolutionary times, received the following letter: "If you are ever in Cambridge, Miss Phyllis, or ever near her quarters, I should be happy to see a person so favored by the muses and to whom Providence has been so beneficent in ministrations. I am, with great respect, your humble servant. George Washington."

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# Being a Good Neighbor

Acts 17:22-31  
(Race Relations Sunday)



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 8

Comments by Rev. Clive Cooper\*

## Sponsor

One of our jobs is the job of counseling and guiding this society. Make a check on the leadership for the coming weeks. As the year draws near for each leader to accept responsibility make another last minute check to see that all plans are complete.

## Leader

Much of the success of this program is on your determination and ability to carry this lesson over. Know your material well. Know what you want to do and make plans to do it. Start planning early.

Since this is Race Relations Sunday it will be a good idea to have a member of another race as guest speaker. An exchange of ideas would meet your needs. Secure this person well in advance so plans can be made to incorporate his talk into the over-all program and lesson topic.

## Attention Break and Commercial

Take a break from your daily activity. Be recognized. Let others know who you are and what you represent. Follow this with an advertisement of Christ in His church. Encourage others to accept His product by coming to Christian Endeavor. Use this procedure for newspaper and radio advertising.

## Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service  
Quiet Period with background music  
Hymn  
Hymn Time: *Let the Beauty of Jesus; More Like the Master*  
Scripture Reading  
Leader's Introduction of Topic  
Topic Discussion  
Hear and Be Heard  
Guest Speaker  
Devotional Hymns: *Saved to Tell Others; Jesus Calls Us*  
Benediction

## Topic Aim

To show the members of this society the need for close Christian fellowship among nations, races, and creeds.

## Who Are Citizens

Webster defines a citizen as a person who is an inhabitant of a city, state or country. A group of these people would be fellow citizens. They would enjoy the freedom of their environment and they would also work together to attain the greatest good for the group.

Citizenship offers something to each individual and at the same time it carries certain duties and obligations. To be of the most value, citizenship demands a mutual understanding of the goals, desires, and determinations of the group. Without this understanding we cannot have the fellowship which is a part of every community.

Rev. Cooper, a General Baptist leader, is working in a supervisory position at Central Missouri State College and living at Warrensburg.

## Hear and Be Heard

1. How has modern communication enlarged our neighborhood?
2. What is the responsibility of this society in the enlarged neighborhood?
3. How may we organize for the greatest Christian advancement?
4. How is evangelism the key to being a good neighbor?
5. How can this society organize to help our denominations promote Christian brotherhood around the world?
6. What should be our position in regard to the different races in our own country?

## Fellow Church Workers

As fellow citizens work together for a common cause in the community, fellow church workers must work together for the common cause of Christ. Since each church is built on the foundation of Christ we all work in His name. Our differences are minor and our likenesses are major. We have the same Bible, the same eternal goal, and the same spiritual leadership.

This theme demands a breaking down of denominational walls, an understanding of individual preferences in forms of worship, and a complete acceptance of all those who profess to know Christ and His forgiveness for sin. When we come to this stage in our Christian experience we can truly say that we are fellow church workers.

## Brothers in Christ

The two preceding topics give us a picture of cooperation and fellowship. This topic is intended to point out that in the family of Christ the above topics are not the complete answer to all that Christ would have us do. He demands more than just working together. His program is built on the foundation of Christian brotherhood. Unless we are brothers in Christ our life is not in complete subjection to His will.

We may be united in earthly matters, but we may be divided on eternal matters. When we are brothers in the family of Christ we have the same hopes, the same spiritual desires, and we enjoy a common freedom. Each person is under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and through a union of hearts the group is also led.

## Who Is My Neighbor?

Webster defines a neighbor as one who lives near. A few decades ago neighbors were thought to be those living in the same community. Today our concepts have changed, because our ways of life have changed. With the modern means of communication and transportation we live just a short distance from all other peoples of the world. With the new jet transportation the people in Europe are only about five or six hours from those of us who live in the American nations. This is closer than the adjoining county of the early twentieth century.

With the above facts it is clear that our neighbor may be on another continent; he may be from another race, and he may be a different color. These things, however,

do not change the fact that he is still our neighbor.

If we are to be a good neighbor we must have a spirit of understanding; we must accept this individual and his way of life. His way may differ greatly from our accepted way, but this does not change the plan of God. It is true that we may help to change his way of life. Especially should this be true of the people who do not live by Christian principles. Neighborliness demands a spirit of evangelism.

## Tolerance, Equality, and Brotherhood

It is one thing to tolerate a person; another thing to accept him as an equal, and still another to be united with him in Christian brotherhood. Tolerance will not lead us to accept the person as an individual being, capable of thinking and acting for himself. Equality will not necessarily lead us to join in spiritual communion with others. Christian brotherhood, however, will determine our acceptance of others and will guarantee complete harmony and communion. It is brotherhood for which the Christian world should strive. Tolerance and equality leaves something to be desired.

## The Unknown God

As Paul entered this great city (re-read Acts 17:23) he read the sign "To the Unknown God," and his thoughts turned to Christ. To these people Christ was an unknown God. Paul told them the story of Jesus and pointed out that they were serving one who could do great things for them.

Here was Paul's opportunity to show his feelings concerning Christian brotherhood. Had his attitude been one of selfishness and self-satisfaction he would have missed this opportunity. Tolerance and equality did not prompt Paul to act on behalf of Christ. His direction came from a sincere love of mankind.

## Born to Tell Others

Too many people go through life without a complete realization of their place and position. Let it be clear in our minds that we were born to tell others about Christ. Unless we do this the neighborhood of God will not grow and progress in a manner pleasing to Him. We cannot be good neighbors unless we are willing to share our possessions with those around us.

The greatest possession we have today is the presence of Christ in our heart. Are we willing to share that presence with others? Are we willing to sacrifice for our neighbors as Christ sacrificed for us?

## Take an Inventory

What have we done to promote the Christian brotherhood of man? What does our attitude show about our desires? Each individual must answer such questions for himself. If we find ourselves lacking in neighborliness we need to confess our weakness to God and petition Him for strength to do better. Only through individual activity can the group have the necessary strength to promote love throughout the world.





# It Does Matter!

No. 2 in a Series: "Modern Show Windows"

Genesis 1:4,12,25,31; I Timothy 4:4

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Dr. W. W. McKinney\*

## Promoting the Meeting

Unfortunately, vandalism also appears all too frequently in the modern show windows of American life. It is a regrettable evidence of a wrong attitude to the property rights of other people, just as racial prejudice arises from a faulty attitude to the personality of people of other races. Our discussion today is thus a logical supplement to our topic of last week. Solutions must be found in the light of similar Christian principles.

Sensationalize the topic by printing large posters with the words: Exposing Vandals in Our Church; Who Are the Vandals in Our Church? Cull from recent newspapers reports of vandalism in parks, playgrounds, cemeteries and churches. Post these clippings on the wall or bulletin board as a publicity buildup.

In developing this topic, be careful to avoid exhausting your righteous indignation in denouncing the wanton destruction of property by the people whose vandalism is reported in the newspapers. As in all of our topics, our primary purpose is not to stir ourselves in indignation against others. Our continued aim is to sensitize our own conscience as we search for evidences of vandalism in our own lives. We need to cultivate in our own thinking a keener appreciation of the property rights of others as we think of the sacrificial investment of time, ability, skill and money in each piece of property, art and beauty which surrounds us.

## Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service

Song Service

Sentence Prayers

Consecration Hymn: *Now I Belong to Jesus*  
Scripture: Genesis 1:4,12,25,31; I Timothy 4:4

Guest Soloist or Duet

Announcements and Offering

Hymn: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Leader's Introduction

Assigned Talks

Question Period

Hymn: *This Is My Father's World*

Closing Prayer and Benediction

## Leader's Introduction

Vandalism has always been a regrettable phase of American life. But it seems to be on the increase. Read some of the newspaper clippings. Vandalism is a sin even if it is not mentioned in the Ten Commandments. Some forms of vandalism can be classed as stealing or covetousness. Our topic is a declarative statement: It does matter! Yes, it does matter that we cultivate a Christian attitude to the property rights of other people since wrong attitudes soon motivate sinful acts.

Too often we regard lightly acts of vandalism in our own community, especially at the Halloween celebration. We are prone to excuse them as only mischievous pranks

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## AIMS

To sensitize our conscience to our own vandalism.

To gain a new appreciation of the beauty in nature and in our community.

To think more seriously of the time and effort involved in making the things we handle carelessly and often fail to appreciate.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

Why do some people want to do the very things they are told not to do?

What can we do to prevent grass and forest fires?

Why is consideration of the rights of others one of the essentials of a democracy?

Are there any clean-up projects your society can initiate?

Is it stealing to take things that are owned by the public?

or as thoughtless outbursts of misdirected energy.

All vandalism is a violation of the love of God who gives us much beauty for all to enjoy and who endows us with individual abilities to help make this a better world for the enjoyment of all. In abusing these widespread gifts of God, we are committing one or more of the sins of vandalism. The next three speakers will help us search our conscience and evaluate our conduct.

## First Speaker—

### The Sin of Maliciousness

Public buildings are erected at great cost in taxes and skill. Yet how often we see that people have defaced the walls by scratching their names on them. High school and college youth in their misguided enthusiasm on the eve of an important game have smeared paint on the buildings or on a monument on the school campus of a football rival or have painted words of defiant challenge that leave ugly traces for many months. Is this school spirit or malicious vandalism? What do you think?

It is a sad reflection on our malicious American attitude toward public property when policemen must be hired to protect parks, museums and picnic grounds from damage and defacement. The public feels free to handle carelessly the very things which the public provides for its own welfare and entertainment. People who would never steal from a merchant will take without hesitation things that belong to the company or to the government. Notice the zeal with which some people pick flowers or break off branches from trees or shrubbery when they think they can escape the watchful eye of the guard. Are you guilty? "A true gentleman," said G. B. Shaw, "always puts more in than he takes out."

## Second Speaker—

### The Sin of Ingratitude

The Book of Genesis opens with an inspired description of God's wisdom and skill in His continuous work of creation. Though written before the days of modern science, it harmonizes wonderfully with scientific knowledge of the stages of crea-

tion. It begins with the solar system and culminates in man. As each day or epoch of creation is completed, the Biblical writer pauses to exclaim, "And God saw that it was good." Think of God's gifts in providing for our daily food and enjoyment. Waste food or to deface the beauty of nature is a crude evidence of ingratitude to the Creator.

Think of the infinite variety of colors with which God bedecks His handiwork. The scientist assures us that there are four and one-half million colors. All of them are found in nature. The human eye can distinguish only two million colors. For practical purposes we have learned to use only three thousand colors. Yet God in His marvelous factory utilizes millions of colors for our daily enjoyment.

Everything that comes to us from the factory of God is tinted, the flowers, birds, insects, fish, animals, reptiles, vegetable rocks and minerals. The two colors upon which the human eye can gaze the longest are blue and green; the blue of the sky and the exquisite variations of green in the leaves. Gratitude calls us to a constant appreciation and reverent use of the beautiful in nature and in man's artistry.

## Third Speaker—

### The Sin of Carelessness

In many parts of the country patient and diligent labor are required to develop and preserve a beautiful lawn. Yet carelessly cut across the lawn in order to save a few steps. Or we jostle one another in play and step on young struggling grass. We do not intend to be mean. We are just a little thoughtless.

With greater disregard for the rights and wishes of others, we throw aside paper wrappers as we walk along the street or as we pass through a public building. We might call it the sin of "litterbuggery." Gasoline stations try to maintain clean washrooms for our comfort in spite of the indifferent refusal of the traveling public to cooperate. Lighted cigarettes are thrown out of the window of passing automobiles causing fires which result in many thousands of dollars damage. How careless Americans are!

## Practical Application

A Christian Endeavorer realizes it is his privilege and a duty to be considerate of the rights and property of other people. Hence, he welcomes every opportunity to set an example worthy of universal imitation. He rejoices to encourage his neighbors to beautify their homes and thus add to the happiness of others. He is eager to encourage the government to provide additional facilities for the public well-being by helping to take care of these facilities. He pauses to recall in gratitude the distinctive service of great leaders and heroes whose honor public monuments have been erected. To teach by word and example increased respect for the rights and property of others is his positive effect to banish the sin of vandalism.



# Jesus—the Friend of Sinners

No. 1 in a Series: "A Look at the Master"

Luke 19:1-10



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 15

Comments by Charles O. Heyward\*

## of the Meeting

To teach us more of Christ's love for lovely people and what it means to us, and to set before us our supreme Example of our attitude toward others.

## for the Leader

The challenge of this meeting will be to show that Jesus' love was different from man love. During the meeting the following points should be brought out: 1. Christ's love for a person does not depend on appearance or personality. 2. He loves and hates the sin that is in everyone, but still loves the sinner. 3. He was not bothered by what the "crowd" thought about the company He kept.

This is a topic that affects each one of us, so get as many as possible to take part. Give out the material well in advance. To tie in with St. Valentine's Day, place a big red heart in the front of the room on which are the words, *Jesus Loves Sinners*.

## Suggested Program

Prayer Service

Opening Scripture: Psalm 116:1,2

Hymns: *Jesus Saves; Since Jesus Came into My Heart*

Announcements by the President

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10

Interference Prayers (Encourage everyone to take part)

Offering

Hymn: *I Would Be Like Jesus*

Leader's Introduction

Discussion

Hymn: *If Your Heart Keeps Right*

Psalm 19:14 Benediction

## Leader's Introduction

### For Meditation)

Imagine you are walking along the street and see a man sitting on the curb. His clothing is very dirty and he has been drinking so much that he cannot sit up straight. What would be your feeling toward him?

A neighbor down the street has a beautiful home, elaborately furnished, and owns three cars. He is part owner of a club in a neighboring state which has a number of gambling devices from which he makes some of his income. What should his Christian neighbors do?

Jesus says we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. Do we? This evening our topic pertains to problems like these and what Christ would do about them. The answer is found in the Scripture passage that has been read to us. This is a tense drama, in which the Son of God comes face to face with a hated sinner.

## Zacchaeus Meets Christ

1. Before entering Jericho, Jesus had just healed a blind man. For nearly three years He had been healing people of all kinds of sickness and raising them from the dead. He was now famous, and as He came into Jericho on His last journey to Jerusalem, crowds gathered around Him. There was excitement. We can picture children hurrying through the crowd to their parents shouting, "Mother, I saw Jesus!" Many of these people of Jericho were probably just curious, but some of them perhaps felt a need in their lives—for forgiveness, and for victory over sin, and realized that Jesus alone could fill their need.

2. One of these seekers was a man who was too short to see Jesus from the street. But he was a clever man, and ran ahead of the crowd and climbed into a sycamore tree to get a good view. We cannot be sure whether at this moment Zacchaeus was just curious or whether he too felt a need in his life. It is very likely that he was only curious.

3. Zacchaeus was a publican, or chief tax collector. Tax collectors today are employed by the government as public servants, but under the Roman government a man would pay for the privilege of being a tax collector and would keep for himself much of the money that he would force the people to pay. For this reason the Jews hated the tax collectors, especially if they had made themselves rich, as Zacchaeus had. Jesus knew all about Zacchaeus and his reputation. What would He do when He saw him?

4. "And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up, and saw him." The eyes of the Son of God met the eyes of a hated sinner. Jesus knew of every dishonest penny that this little rich man owned. He knew of all the people who were poor and with little food because of the heavy taxes he had forced from them. Yet He said to Zacchaeus, "I must abide at thy house today!"

5. Even a sinner like Zacchaeus could not resist the love that was in Jesus' eyes as He looked up at him. At that moment his heart must have felt the burden of its sin in the presence of the loving, holy Son of God.

6. People are quick to judge others as being worse sinners than themselves, and will also criticize those who show any love for them. The crowd criticized Jesus for showing a love for Zacchaeus. The difference between them was that the crowd *hated* Zacchaeus *because* of his sin; Jesus *loved* Zacchaeus *in spite* of his sin.

7. The effect of Jesus' presence on Zacchaeus was more than emotional. It changed his heart completely. He immediately made two drastic decisions: to give half of all his wealth to the poor and to give back four times what he had taken

from anyone unjustly. What an effect this would have on those who had hated him! Years later James was to write that faith without works is dead (James 2:26). Zacchaeus' faith was real and living. He had been born again, as Jesus requires of everyone (John 3:3).

8. Zacchaeus did not just receive Jesus into his home but loved Him in his heart. Because of this Jesus could announce that salvation had come to that house. Receiving and loving Christ always brings salvation and joy and a changed life.

## For Further Discussion

1. A traveling man unknowingly drops a small box in the street as he is getting out of his car, leaving it there as he drives off a few minutes later. It is a plain old box which passers-by do not especially notice. It is kicked occasionally by small boys. Finally a man, while waiting for a bus, sees the box in the gutter and says to himself, "That box doesn't look like much, but it just might have something inside." As he stoops to pick it up, others waiting for the bus smile in ridicule at such a dignified-looking man picking up such an old discarded little box. He feels their stares, but he is determined to investigate. His interest in the little box is rewarded, for inside is a solid gold watch, still running!

How did the feeling of passers-by toward the box compare with the people's feeling toward Zacchaeus? What was there about the box which the people did not see? What was there about Zacchaeus which the crowd did not see? Is there a soul anywhere that is not precious in God's sight? What lesson does the man who picked up the box teach us about witnessing for Christ? How much should it matter what those around us think? If the mere presence of Jesus convicted Zacchaeus of his sin and his need for forgiveness, what does this teach us about our lives as they are lived before non-Christians?

2. When Billy Graham was preaching in Los Angeles several years ago he went into a bar to talk with a well-known gangster. Would Jesus have done such a thing? Some people criticized Dr. Graham for doing this. What verse in the Scripture lesson does this remind you of?

3. Why would we be apt to choose Luke 19:10 as the key verse for this topic? Must a person consider himself lost before he can be saved? See Luke 18:13,14. Are we too young to be called sinners, or lost, if we have not accepted Christ? See Romans 3:23; James 2:10.

## Closing Thought

God has loved us in spite of our hatefulness and sin. When we see hatefulness in others let us allow the love of God to shine through us to them, that they too might want to receive Christ and have their lives changed as Zacchaeus' was (Read I Samuel 16:7).

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# Giving Hilariously

Genesis 4:3-5; I Corinthians 16:2

Senior-Young People (15-24 Years)

FEBRUARY

Comments by Rev. Raymond C. Steinhart\*

## Consideration for the Leader

Secure a standard dictionary and check the word "hilarious." Merely speaking the word can denote something cheerful or exhilarating. The word paints its own picture. At a glance we can ascertain what kind of givers God expects us to be.

To help make this topic interesting in its presentation, go to your local bank and secure the booklet, "Money, Master or Servant?" You could also write to the Federal Reserve Bank nearest you or the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, Washington, D.C. There are several booklets dealing with money that you will be able to secure without charge.

Have a conference with the financial secretary of your church regarding congregational giving. Endeavor to find out how many members of your church carry the financial burden through systematic giving. Another bit of information that would prove interesting would be to report on how many tithers are found within your congregation. Here you will have a grand opportunity to present the Tenth Legion.

The Tenth Legion is a fellowship of tithers within the Christian Endeavor movement. It is an enrollment made by the International Society of Christian Endeavor of all those who make it their practice to set apart at least a tenth of their income and use it for the Lord's work. The suggestion of its name came from Caesar's famous Tenth Legion. Write to International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, for additional information.

## Publicity

Place a jar full of pennies in a conspicuous place for all to see. Place on the same table a large poster advertising the meeting. Why not have a guessing contest as to the value of the coins in the jar. Advertise through every medium you know. It pays to advertise.

## Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service  
Call to worship: "Drop Thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace."  
Hymn: *Give of Your Best to the Master*  
Scripture: Genesis 4:3-5; I Corinthians 16:2; II Corinthians 11:7-9  
Hymn: *O Jesus, I Have Promised*  
Prayer (voluntary sentence prayers)  
Announcements and Offering  
Distribution of Tenth Legion Literature  
Special Music  
Leader's Talk  
1st, 2nd and 3rd Speakers

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## PARTICIPATION AND DISCUSSION

1. What is the Hebrew law of the tithe and where is it found? (Leviticus 2:30-33)
2. What does Paul teach concerning the support of the pastor or preacher? (I Corinthians 9:4-14)
3. When does giving become a hilarious experience?
4. Should the Christian have a systematic way of giving? What would you suggest?
5. Is one's Christian experience worth very much when it costs nothing in substance?
6. Do you believe the propagation of the Gospel is and has been hindered because Christians have failed to recognize their stewardship?

Our Aim and Life Problem  
Discussion and Question  
Hymn: *Stand Up for Jesus*  
Fellowship Circle and Benediction

## Preparation for the Leader

A certain miser, who had refused to attend Wesley's preaching, was one day induced to go. Wesley's first point of the sermon was, "Make all you can," and the man was delighted. The second point was, "Save all you can." This threw the miser into an ecstasy, and he thought how foolish he had been to absent himself from such inspirational preaching. The final point was, "Give all you can," and that last point, the miser said, spoiled the whole sermon.

There are three kinds of givers—the flint, the sponge; and the honeycomb. To get anything out of the flint you know what must be done: you must hammer it. But what do you get? Chips and sparks. Take a look at the sponge. How do you get water out of a sponge? You must squeeze it. The more you squeeze the more you will get. But the honeycomb just overflows with its own sweetness. How well we know that some people are hard and stingy, just like the flint. Others are good-natured. They yield to pressure, and the more they are pressed the more they will give. Then there are the honeycomb type; they delight in giving without being asked at all. Of these the Bible says, "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

Christian giving is a grace, "See that ye abound in this grace also" (II Corinthians 8:7). It should be systematic, "upon the first day of the week" (I Corinthians 16:2). It should be individual, "everyone of you." It should be proportionate, "as God hath prospered you." It should be cheerful, "God loveth a cheerful giver" (II Corinthians 9:7). It proves the sincerity of your love. It has the great example, "for ye know" (II Corinthians 8:9).

The New Testament lays down no fixed rule about our giving but leaves it to our own free determination. The Jew who was under the law was obliged to give one-tenth of all he had to God. Christians sometimes say that under grace we are not

expected to give so much. In other words the Gospel has a lower standard than the law, and a Christian may be more selfless than a Jew! Is that right?

The fallacy of such reasoning is seen in this, that the Jew gave much more than one-tenth. That much was given for support of the Levites in the temple service, but another tenth was given for feasts and a third tenth every three years for the poor. To these three-tenths were added trespass offerings and sundry other charges almost too numerous to mention. Then their free will offerings were over and above all these. These were the offerings of duty, but their free will offerings were those of love and they were presented often as the offerer was so inclined.

The New Testament saints exhibited their gratitude in still greater liberality. The apostles forsook all, the ordinary disciples sold all, the churches bestowed all, the deeply poor gave to those who were poorer. Riches are a trust from God to Christian possessors of them and to Christians they must give account of their use.

In our modern church life we need more of the spirit of David when he cried, "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth me nothing." We need to challenge Christians with a spiritual life that costs something in substance.

## First Speaker

No one can tell you how much you owe to give to God. No one is meant to tell you. That matter is left to you. You must decide and so get benefit from the spiritual discipline.

## Second Speaker

If you are a tither, that tithing must be made a merely legal affair, gifts given in the hope of winning God's favor. We must tithe with the heart; we must realize that we are stewards, partners of the Eternal, handling God's money, and thus learn to develop confidence in Him that we shall not suffer lack.

## Third Speaker

Tithing pays on all scores. It pays dividends of joy. It pays by enlarging our nature. It pays by developing our sympathy and enabling us to relieve distress. It pays by saving us from greed. It pays in spiritual life and experience.

## Our Aim

To come into the full realization that the whole matter of stewardship—stewardship of life, ability, time and money—is a decidedly spiritual one.

## Life Problem

Bob earned good wages, but he lost his money. He gave sparingly to the church. His attitude was if every one did his part he need not give too heavily. What was Bob's greatest difficulty? How should he overcome it?



# Jesus—the Teller of Stories

No. 2 in a Series: "A Look at the Master"

Mark 4:1,2a,33,34



Intermediate (12-14 Years)

FEBRUARY 22

Comments by Dr. Raymond M. Veh\*

## Make the Meeting Interesting

Have the group sit about the fireplace on the floor. (Make a campfire with boards and an electric light of red hue if no fire is available.) Hold the meeting with the light of the fire. Sing familiar songs. Have several of Jesus' stories told (not read) informally by members of the society.

## The Value of Stories

Billy Graham has great ability to interest his audience with stories. It is said that in one of his great gatherings the crowd was uncomfortable and became restless; and an undertone of noise was heard toward the end of his sermon he said, "I want to tell you a story." The effect was magical. In graphic language he told the story of the crippled newsboy in Gary, Indiana, who gave his life to save a little boy who had been terribly burned. The attentiveness in the audience ceased and they were all at attention. While many people there perhaps did not remember much of the sermon, most of them would remember the dramatic story told by this pungent storyteller.

## Jesus, the Master of Storytelling

Jesus was truly an artist in the field of effective storytelling. He had wonderful ability to know the needs of His hearers, to sense their problems and to teach them in terms of their own experience. His stories are mostly told in the form of parables. The Gospel records contain about twenty-five stories and more than this number of short comparisons which are sometimes also considered stories. In very real terms and in the simplest experiences of life, Jesus gave persuasive and impelling stories. He took common, everyday events and made them tell of heavenly things.

## Old Testament Stories Come to Life

The familiar Old Testament stories concerning Jonah, the visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon, and the wisdom of Solomon, are used by Jesus in Matthew 12:40,42 for the purpose of rebuking the Pharisees who sought a sign from Jesus.

The familiar Old Testament story of the story of Solomon is referred to in the Sermon on the Mount as recorded in Matthew 23:29. It is interesting to note that out of the thirty-nine books of the Old Testament, Jesus used material from sixteen of them.

In the twenty-fourth chapter of Luke is a story of Jesus' afternoon conversation with two men walking to their home at Emmaus. At that time, according to Luke 4:27,44, Jesus reviewed the Old Testament teaching concerning the Messiah as related to Himself.

## Some of Jesus' Stories

*Stories of the Father's Love.* In the fifteenth chapter of Luke Jesus tells three marvelous stories of the Father's love. Jesus came to reveal God's love and He did this

### OUR AIMS

1. To see how the ideal Teacher did much of His teaching with the story method.
2. To revel in the beauty and meaning of Jesus' stories.
3. To learn how to win others to Christ and happier living by the use of Jesus' stories.

### QUESTIONS

1. What is the secret of the appeal of the stories Jesus told?
2. Why have the stories of Jesus lived in the hearts of men?
3. What is the value of stories in teaching?
4. Would the Gospels have ever been used so widely, if they did not contain many of these stories?
5. What do you think makes a good story and one which you consider well told?
6. Which one of the beautiful stories told by Jesus is your favorite? Why?
7. Is there more than a mere story in the parables Jesus told?

through His life and teachings. In this chapter He reveals the yearning of the Father's heart for His children who have strayed away. It is like a shepherd losing one of his hundred sheep. He leaves the ninety-nine and seeks the one. The woman losing a piece of silver seeks until she finds it, then calls her friends to rejoice with her. The Prodigal Son is a story of the love of God, graphically told. As the father waits and yearns for his son, so God waits for the wandering child. All these stories end with rejoicing. "There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth."

*The Prayer of a Widow.* Through the medium of human relationships, Jesus led people to understand God. He told a story, illustrating that they "ought always to pray and not to faint." Jesus did not mean that we should try to persuade God to answer our prayers, but that if an unjust judge would answer a widow's repeated requests, much more would God hear and answer the petitions of His children.

In this same chapter, Luke 18, the story of the widow's prayer leads to that of the two men who went up to the temple to pray.

*The Vine and the Branches.* In John 15 we find the matchless story of the vine and the branches. This is an allegory where a vine and the branches are used to represent the relationship that exists between God and His children. It is a clear picture of the relationship between Jesus, the Father and the Christian believer.

*Two Foundations.* In Matthew 7 and in Luke 6 we have the story of the two foundations. One house was built upon the rock and the other on the sand. The Master knew that many who heard His teachings would not live by them. He was trying to show to those who listened the importance of active Christian service. "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things that I say."

*The Good Samaritan.* Jesus never told a

finer story than that of the Good Samaritan. A young lawyer was trying to trap Jesus. He asked Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. The lawyer answered Jesus' question about keeping the commandments. Jesus told him to keep these and to love his neighbor as himself. He asked Jesus who his neighbor was. Then came the story of the Good Samaritan.

*The Story of Two Sons.* A father asked his sons to work in his vineyard. The one son said that he would not, but afterwards did go. The other son said that he would, but did not go. The rulers had demanded that Jesus show His authority as prophet and teacher. He told them this story instead of answering their question directly. His answer could quickly be inferred.

## Stories Can Be Misinterpreted

Interpreters sometimes try to take different meanings from the stories of Jesus. Sometimes the simple truth hurts too deeply and they try to explain it away. Because His stories belong to a different age and a different type of civilization, they tell us that His stories have different meanings for us or that they have no meaning at all. When we have the spirit of Jesus in our lives and look upon life as He did, we will readily see that the stories He told are never-changing truths and apply to all who would serve God.

## The Stories Hold Good Today

There are many other stories which Jesus told. You will find them in the Gospels. Study them and try to apply their message to your own life. These stories of Jesus are universally true. Every one of His stories met a specific need in the lives of certain individuals. They were told in terms of the experience of the times but are as meaningful today as they ever were.

## For Your Worship

*Additional Bible References*—Matthew 19:16-22; Luke 15:11-32.

*Solo*—I Think When I Read that Sweet Story of Old.

*Hymns*—Tell Me the Old, Old Story; More Like the Master; Tell Me the Stories of Jesus.

*Feature*—Ask each Endeavorer to name the story in the Bible which most appeals to him. Ask the best storyteller in your society to choose a story from the Bible and tell it as interestingly as possible—making the humanness of the situation stand out. An excellent story is "The Lad of a Daring Dream" found in Blanche Carrier's "The Kingdom of Love."

*Decorations*—Pictures of "Christ and the Rich Young Ruler" and of "The Good Shepherd."

## For Your Poster

Draw a silhouette of Jesus sitting with the disciples about Him. (Or the children's workers of your church may have pictures of a similar situation to paste on the cardboard.) Place this statement on the poster: Storytelling is the oldest art in the world. Hear great stories told at Christian Endeavor tonight—6:30.

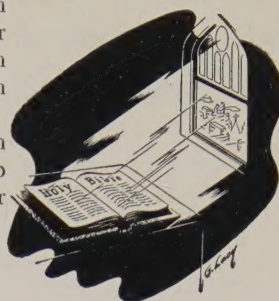
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# Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for February, 1959. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



## Intermediate (Junior High) Readings

M., Jan. 26. Sacrifice. Mark 10:17-22.  
 T., Jan. 27. Loyalty. Luke 16:10-13.  
 W., Jan. 28. Leadership. Acts 26:13-18.  
 T., Jan. 29. Service. Matthew 16:24,25.  
 F., Jan. 30. Prayer. John 17.  
 S., Jan. 31. Evangelism. Acts 1:7,8.  
**Sun., Feb. 1. Topic—For Christ and the Church.**  
 Matthew 16:13-18. (Christian Endeavor Day)

M., Feb. 2. The Second Commandment. Mark 12:28-31.  
 T., Feb. 3. Who Is My Neighbor? Luke 10:30-37.  
 W., Feb. 4. As Ye Would. Matthew 7:9-12.  
 T., Feb. 5. The Law of Love. Romans 13:8-10.  
 F., Feb. 6. Cooperation with Neighbors. Proverbs 3:27-29.  
 S., Feb. 7. Neighborly Help. Zechariah 3:7,8,10.  
**Sun., Feb. 8. Topic—Being a Good Neighbor.**  
 Acts 17:22-31. (Race Relations Sunday)

M., Feb. 9. Jesus Criticized. Matthew 11:16-19.  
 T., Feb. 10. A Sinful Woman. Luke 7:36-50.  
 W., Feb. 11. An Adulterous Woman. John 8:3-11.  
 T., Feb. 12. A Dying Thief. Luke 23:39-43.  
 F., Feb. 13. Christ's Purpose. I Timothy 1:12-15.  
 S., Feb. 14. Us. Romans 5:6-8.  
**Sun., Feb. 15. Topic—Jesus—the Friend of Sinners.** Luke 19:1-10.

M., Feb. 16. The Sower. Mark 4:3-8,14-20.  
 T., Feb. 17. The Lost Sheep. Luke 15:4-7.  
 W., Feb. 18. The Good Shepherd. John 10:11-18.  
 T., Feb. 19. The Ten Virgins. Matthew 25:1-13.  
 F., Feb. 20. The Rich Man and Lazarus. Luke 16:19-31.  
 S., Feb. 21. The Builders. Matthew 7:24-27.  
**Sun., Feb. 22. Topic—Jesus—the Teller of Stories.** Mark 4:1,2a,33,34.

M., Feb. 2. Christ Overcomes Prejudice. John 4:5-10.  
 T., Feb. 3. Christ All in All. Colossians 3:10-15.  
 W., Feb. 4. All One in Christ. Galatians 3:26-28.  
 T., Feb. 5. A Plea for Tolerance. Acts 15:5-11.  
 F., Feb. 6. From Every Nation. Revelation 5:8-10.  
 S., Feb. 7. No Longer Strangers. Ephesians 2:19-22.  
**Sun., Feb. 8. Topic—Progress in Race Relations.** Galatians 3:28. (Race Relations Sunday)

M., Feb. 9. The Things of Others. Exodus 20:15-17.  
 T., Feb. 10. Justice before God. Romans 2:13-15.  
 W., Feb. 11. A Pattern of Good Works. Titus 2:7-14.  
 T., Feb. 12. Clean Hands. Psalm 24:3,4.  
 F., Feb. 13. The Golden Rule. Luke 6:31.  
 S., Feb. 14. Landmarks. Proverbs 23:10,11.  
**Sun., Feb. 15. Topic—It Does Matter!** Genesis 1:4,12,25,31; I Timothy 4:4.

M., Feb. 16. Your Treasure and Your Heart. Luke 12:34.  
 T., Feb. 17. How to Give. II Corinthians 9:6,7.  
 W., Feb. 18. Pledge to the Lord. Genesis 28:20-22.  
 T., Feb. 19. Recognizing God's Ownership. I Chronicles 29:11-14.  
 F., Feb. 20. Blessings of Giving. Luke 6:38.  
 S., Feb. 21. Giving and Receiving. Acts 20:35.  
**Sun., Feb. 22. Topic—Giving Hilariously.** Genesis 4:3-5, I Corinthians 16:2.

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M., Jan. 26. Sacrifice. Mark 10:17-22.  
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 T., Jan. 29. Service. Matthew 16:24,25.  
 F., Jan. 30. Prayer. John 17.  
 S., Jan. 31. Evangelism. Acts 1:7,8.  
**Sun., Feb. 1. Topic—For Christ and the Church.**  
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 Feb. 8. I Am Honest. II Kings 5:20.  
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 Feb. 22. I Am Loving. I Corinthians 13:1-13.

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# NEWS

## from around the world

where sympathy is extended to Dr. Earle W. Gates, president of the International Society, and his family on the death of his father December 14. The funeral was held December 17 at Derby, New York. Visitation in five different areas of Ontario was carried out November 9-16 by Cecil A. Jeffery, extension secretary of the International Society. Unions visited included Toronto, Hamilton, Welland, Bruce, and Waterloo. Reports indicate that 43 ministers were contacted, 58 officers counselled and Mr. Jeffery, 195 persons attended banquets and suppers, and 1,080 were present at evening sessions. In each area the day-long program included visitation and luncheon conferences, supper meetings for officers and leaders, and evening rallies. At the close of the week Mr. Jeffery met with the Ontario Union Executive at Sherkston, for evaluation of the week of visitation.



Willis R. Oden



Mrs. Nat Burchfield

A former president of the Tennessee Union, Mrs. Burchfield is now serving as head of the North Carolina Union. A member of Front Street Christian Church in Burlington, she is the mother of two children and a graduate of Milligan College. Heading the California Union is Mr. Oden, who is employed as Assistant Cashier at the Bank of America, Redlands, California. He is a member of Bethany Reformed Church, married, and the father of three boys.

Charles Drain, Jr., of Philadelphia has recently been elected president of the Pennsylvania Sabbath School Association. Mr. Drain is a past president of the Pennsylvania Christian Endeavor Union and was a member of Christian Endeavor's Fellowship Tour to Europe this past summer. Congratulations on this new honor, Mr. Drain!

Elden and Alice Buck and their two children, Lisa and Lauren, are now on the mission field at Kusaie in the East Caroline Islands. Elden is the son of Dr. Carlton Buck of Fullerton, California, one of the major speakers at the International Convention in Portland, Oregon, in 1957. In 1952 Elden served as president of the Orange County Union. May the Lord richly bless these young people as they serve Him.

This is what Dr. Oscar Bussey, president of the Scottish National Christian Endeavor Union, reported to his fellow Endeavorers concerning his recent visit to the United States and Canada: "On the whole the movement in America is in good heart and is certainly led by capable and consecrated leaders. What Christian Endeavor needs, as it needs here, is to penetrate deeper to the things of God."

Word has reached Christian Endeavor Headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, that bus loads of Endeavorers from Colorado, Alabama, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky are even now making plans to attend the International Convention in Philadelphia next July. What is being done in your area to insure a large delegation? Helpful information for group travel may be secured by writing headquarters.

On Sunday, December 14, three anniversaries were celebrated at the First Church of Evans, Derby, New York. First was the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the minister, Dr. Earle W. Gates who also serves as president of the International Society. Dr. Gates was ordained November 26, 1933. Also observed was the 20th anniversary of his pastorate at Derby, which began October 1, 1938. The service concluded the celebration of the 140th anniversary of the church itself.

Bottle evangelism is a part of the floating work of Junior Endeavorers in Scotland. Bottles containing a card bearing the name and address of the Junior society, the date and where put to sea, and—most important of all—a text from God's word are flung into the ocean during a special service. The finder of each bottle is requested to return the card, indicating where the bottle was found. Bottle evangelism is fun, but it is more than that, as Scottish Juniors pray that they may thus help someone to learn of Jesus.

A report on bottle evangelism shows that during the year there were 14,300 items of Gospel literature in various languages distributed in 17 sea areas. Replies have been received from 39 lands and there is knowledge of at least one conversion.

Christian Endeavor's birthday, February 2, is scheduled to be the birthday of a new union in Ohio. Societies in Montgomery, Miami, and Drake Counties will meet together for a banquet in Covington. State President Clarence A. Kopp will preside, with Cecil A. Jeffery bringing the message. Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society, will present the charter to the new union.



Photo by Alice Oswald

Readers shown in the top photo at a supper planning meeting in Bruce County (Ontario) are (left to right) Robert Smith, Mrs. Cecil A. Jeffery, Cecil A. Jeffery, Meryle Schnittker, Rev. Glen Betterly, Mrs. Glen Betterly, and Arthur Smith, county president. The lower photo pictures officers of Waterloo County (Ontario) discussing visitation plans with Mr. Jeffery. They are (left to right) Art Groff, Doris Bouchert, Gerald Hallman, Mr. Jeffery, and Wilf Mink, chairman of the visitation planning committee for Waterloo County.

May all your days be filled with Christian Endeavor is the clever slogan on 1959 calendar blotters which are being distributed by the Texas Union.



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This attractive sign decorated the banquet hall when Endeavorers of Garrison Road United Brethren in Christ Church of Fort Erie, Ontario, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their society on November 7.

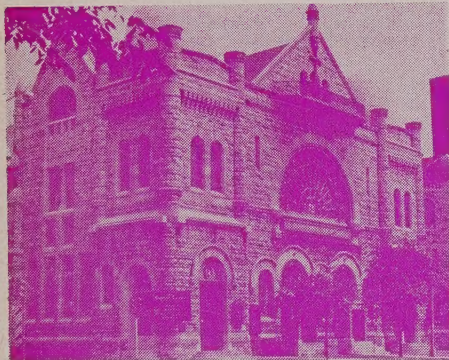


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